

## Angelo Aloysius Adkins

February 21, 1964 - March 17, 2020

Angelo Aloysius Adkins was born on February 21, 1964 in Tacoma, Washington. He was the Middle of five children born to Inez and the late Albert Adkins Jr.

Angelo was educated in the Public Schools of Perth Amboy, New Jersey. At the age of thirteen he honed his dance skills and found his love of dance and performing arts at Miss Ruth's School of Dance in Fords, New Jersey. Angelo brought his talent to Perth Amboy High School where he was a standout performer in several plays. During the summers he also performed in Plays-in- the Park at Roosevelt Park in Edison, New Jersey.

Angelo later earned a B.A. in dance from Point Park College, in Pittsburg, PA in 1985. His career in dance and performing arts took off as a principal dancer in the Calypso Carnival Show in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Over a span of 40 years, Angelo performed in many dinner theater and off Broadway plays such as Take 4 Revue, My One and Only, Fiorello, Struttin', Honey in Rock and others. He toured with the European Touring Co. performing in productions of West Side Story and Hair. In addition to theater, Angelo also landed several commercial roles with Island Finance, Coors Light and Hoover Vacuum Companies. Angelo embarked on a new phase in his career when he produced, directed and acted in the musical production of Soul Time which was performed at The Perth Amboy Community Theater in 2015. Aside from performing in the United States and Abroad, Angelo was a dance instructor teaching tap and jazz at Miss Ruth's School of Dance and City Dance

Academy. He was also a substitute teacher with Perth Amboy Public Schools, member and Treasurer for the NAACP (Perth Amboy Chapter) and a member of the Actors' Equity Association.

Outside of entertaining, Angelo truly enjoyed laughing and spending time with his mother, siblings, family members and close friends. He loved dancing at family cookouts and birthday parties. When he wasn't dancing or singing Angelo enjoyed watching classic and western movies. He especially loved listening to his albums on his record player.

Angelo was a lifelong member of the historic Second Baptist Church in Perth Amboy, where he was baptized in the early 80's. He was a member of the youth choir, a Sunday School teacher and Assistant pianist during his teenage years.

Angelo was preceded in death by: His father Albert Adkins; He leaves to cherish in many fond memories to: His mother Inez Adkins of Perth Amboy, New Jersey; Four siblings Adrian Adkins (Reca) of Boston MA, Adolphus Adkins of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, Anita (close friend Jim) of Mount Pocono PA, Alex (Kisha) Adkins of Piscataway, New Jersey. His niece & nephews Janelle Quarles, Shivhon Adkins, Janine Quarles, Brandon Payne, Andre Adkins, Aturo Adkins, Alex Jr. Adkins, Josh Adkins, Shamiah Johnson, David Johnson and a host of cousins, neighbors and friends.

In Lieu of flowers, please make donations in honor of Angelo Adkins to The Lighthouse Home:

Light House Home Inc.

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# Cemetery Details

## Shoreland Memorial Gardens

State Route 35 North  
Hazlet, NJ 08750

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 25. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Shoreland Memorial Gardens  
State Route 35 North  
Hazlet, NJ 08750

# Tribute Wall



“ *Angelo Aloysius Adkins*

September 22, 2022 at 02:41 PM



Margarita Velazquez

“ *To the Adkins Family,*

*I just today saw of the passing of Angelo. My heart is shattered. My sincere condolences to Mama Adkins on the loss of her son. She was one of my favorite school teachers.*

*Angelo was an amazing performer and I was privileged to have been able to share a stage with him. Yes, we may have butted heads due to artistic differences, but I so very much respected his love of the arts and performance.*

*He will be dearly missed. Until we meet again my friend, RIP.*

*My prayers to the Adkins family.*

*Margarita Feliciano*



Margarita Velazquez - April 14, 2020 at 01:36 PM

WS

“ We are truly sorry to hear this news and offer sincerest sympathy to the Adkins Family. Prayers for Angelo to rest in peace.

*Bill and Carol Saunders*

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**william saunders** - March 27, 2020 at 08:41 PM



*Thank you.*

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**A Anita Adkins** - April 03, 2020 at 02:09 PM

LE

“ my deepest sympathy to Angelo’s family. We danced in many of the same classes together at Point Park College and graduated the same year. thinking about what a charming, amazing , classmate, dance partner, person he was always. Keep dancing Angelo. peace and prayers for all your loved ones.

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**Lisa Moran Elliott** - March 26, 2020 at 12:30 PM

BN

“ Hello Alex  
May God comforting Grace be with you in this moment of grieve.

*Betty*

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**Betty Anne Nelson** - March 26, 2020 at 08:34 AM

TN

“ My prayers and condolences are with the Atkins family. Tammy Nealy

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**Tammy Nealy** - March 25, 2020 at 11:38 PM



“ *To The Adkins Family,  
I'm so shocked and saddened to hear about Angelo's passing. He was such a kind person to be around. I always enjoyed my visits with him and Mrs. Adkins. You're in my prayers.*

*Love always*

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**Crystal Payne** - March 25, 2020 at 04:43 PM

JG

“ *Angelo amd a few of his amazing students. Performing the show stopping "Fabulous Feet" We love you and will never forget the love you share.*



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**Jamale Graves** - March 25, 2020 at 10:03 AM

AL

*Thanks for sharing these great pics*

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**Alex** - March 27, 2020 at 02:36 PM

JG

“ *Angelo my great friend. Also known as a great talent and a loving unselfish man. His teachings and kindness will live in the hearts of us all forever.*

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**Jamale Graves** - March 25, 2020 at 09:03 AM

DP

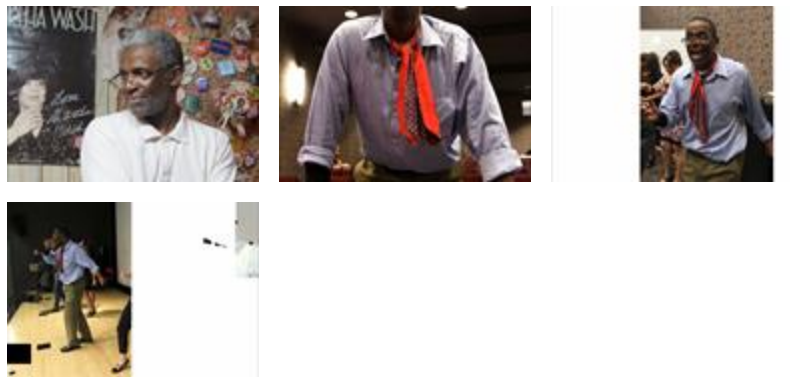
“ *My deepest condolences to the Adkins Family. Angelo was a gift to us. He was on loan by our heavenly Father... Rest on friend... Praying for the family during their time of a great loss. Dorothy Dorsey*

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**Dorothy Perry-Dorsey** - March 24, 2020 at 10:14 PM

AA

“ *4 files added to the album Angelo Directing his show*



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**Adrian Adkins** - March 23, 2020 at 09:25 PM

SN

“ *We are so very sorry to hear about Angelo, please accept our deepest condolences.*  
*~Sandy and Darren*



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**Sandy Nestico-Breault** - March 23, 2020 at 01:12 PM

MS

“ My Condolences to the entire family...extended family...everyone adored Ang.....he was a star ☆ May his light continue to shine....he left everyone with good memories and moments to make you smile....his presence will surely be missed...I will always remember his gentleness and kind spirit....Rest In Peace....Much Love ❤️  
Michelle Sessoms and family



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**Michelle Sessoms** - March 23, 2020 at 12:57 PM

SJ

“ To the Adkins family;  
My condolences to everyone, you are my second family. My heart is heavy. Shirley

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**Shirley Johnston-Gil** - March 23, 2020 at 01:48 AM

DJ

Dear Atkins family,  
Our prayers are with you. May your treasured memories and moments with your beloved Angelo bring you much comfort, joy, and happiness day by day. Angelo's life was precious. God bless his legacy.  
Charles & Deborah Johnson & family

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**Deborah Johnson** - March 25, 2020 at 09:35 AM

SJ

“ My dear friend/brother thanks for the many memories that we shared. You nicknamed me “The Barger” we laughed at that for years. I will forever cherish the memories we shared, thanks for those late night talks. You had a heart of gold and always had kind words for everyone. A great guy. Your lil sis Shirl

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**Shirley Johnston-Gil** - March 23, 2020 at 01:43 AM

MP

“ Angelo will be missed dearly. I consider Ang to be a part of my extended family. We shared many great memories together. My condolences to the family and everyone that was fortunate enough to know his heart. RIP!

*Michele Pennyfeather-Voorhees*

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**Michele Pennyfeather-Voorhees** - March 22, 2020 at 10:37 PM

NM

“ Ang there are no words to Express the loss I feel right now! Know that it was always Love.

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**Nina Mckenzie** - March 22, 2020 at 09:22 PM

AF

“ ADKINS FAMILY purchased the Strength and Wisdom Casket Spray for the family of Angelo Aloysius Adkins.



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**ADKINS FAMILY** - March 22, 2020 at 04:06 PM

EM

“ Ang, always had a special way to turn a frown upside down. Love ya Cuz.

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**Edgar A. McKenzie** - March 22, 2020 at 12:24 PM

DP

“ Please accept my deepest condolences on your loss of a truly beautiful person. Angie and I danced together in Plays in the Park and Perth Amboy shows. He touched so many lives with his unending kindness and great sense of humor. He was a talented and caring person who shall be missed by many. May he rest in peace surrounded by God's love.

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**Dee Parker** - March 22, 2020 at 04:04 AM

 Trisha Chavis

“ Sending Love and Light. Prayers lifted.

*Trish and Kaila*

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**Trisha Chavis** - March 21, 2020 at 10:44 PM

MH

“ To Adkins family,

*Accept our deepest condolences on the loss of your brother; he was a kind and gentle soul. My you find peace knowing he is resting with the lord.*

*Love  
The Hardy Family*



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**Michelle Hardy** - March 21, 2020 at 09:08 PM

GW

“ Sending condolences to the Adkins family. Love your cousin Dennis & Gloria Weber, New Orleans, LA.

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**Gloria Weber** - March 21, 2020 at 08:13 PM

AS

“ Angelo will forever be remembered for his bright smile and joyous laughter. His acting, musical and dancing talents brought smiles to all who saw him perform. Angelo will be missed by many. May his soul rest in everlasting peace.

Ann Stek

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Ann Stek - March 21, 2020 at 08:04 PM

SP

We will always remember Angelo such a happy good looking talented young man. Always looked forward to seeing him at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse. He will be thoroughly missed. Now he is making music and singing and dancing in a great place. May he Rest In Peace. John and Shirley Petersen.

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Shirley Petersen - March 21, 2020 at 10:23 PM

JP

“ He was one who inspired others to be true to your God given gifts he always pushed me in the theatrical Arena always enjoyed doing plays with him at Perth Amboy High School Ain't Misbehavin, Perlie and the Wiz. Not only in school but in the church where he formed a group The Perry sisters and we sang to the glory and honor of God he pushed us he encouraged us he was just great all together.. take your wings Angelo good and faithful servant well done. Jacqueline Perry 🙏🙏💙💙

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Jacqueline Perry - March 21, 2020 at 06:36 PM

DP

*So sorry to hear the news about our dearly beloved Angelo. He was so talented and gifted in aspects of theatrical and drama... I loved seeing him tap dancing. He was so light on his feet... He played for our group The Perry Sisters, he had a sharp ear for piano just as well. He played for us, song with us, and encouraged and groomed us to sing to the glory of God... After a long battle of sickness, the God of our salvation, ushered his spirit into the presence of our Lord and Savior Jesus... Yes, he to his wings and flew away... Angelo your job is done down here; rest on my dear friend rest on... Peace, joy, and love is over there in heaven. I will miss you down here... Tap and dance and sing Hallelujah thank you Jesus, "I am free..."*

*Dorothy Perry Dorsey 🙏😭💕💕*

**Dorothy Perry-Dorsey** - March 22, 2020 at 06:35 PM

GJ

“ *May God comfort you. Sending my Condolences to the entire Atkins Family*  
*Love, Geri Johnson*

**Geraldine Johnson** - March 21, 2020 at 06:36 PM

DO

“ *Tap on Diva..... Tap on!!!*

*Love you,  
Diva 2.*

**donald** - March 21, 2020 at 05:46 PM

AN

“ *To the Adkins Family,  
My sincere condolences...  
You are in my thoughts and Prayers.*

*Ana Pastrana*

**Ana** - March 21, 2020 at 05:34 PM

NH

“ Angelo was a king and caring person and I will never forget how helpful he was to me. I will really miss him a lot and his smile too because it really brightened the room and people's lives.  
Nikki

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**Nikki Honkisz** - March 21, 2020 at 05:10 PM

NH

“ To the Adkins Family:  
I am so sorry to hear about the passing of your son and your brother. I pray that God will comfort you and give you strength during this difficult time. I know he was special and he will be missed by those who cared about him and loved him.  
So Sorry,  
Nikki

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**Nikki Honkisz** - March 21, 2020 at 05:06 PM

VS

“ Angelo has turned many of my life moments into sweet flowing magical memories that make me pause as a teardrop brings to my face a razzel dazzled, juiced up jazzy, toe tappin, front stage, “ain't nobody business if I do”, club hoppin, house music, last chance to dance Smile as I place my hand over my heart where he will live forever 🌹

Vanessa Scaife

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**Vanessa Scaife** - March 21, 2020 at 05:04 PM

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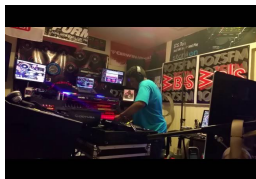
“ I remember when I first met Angelo , he had the best sprit. I also remember when he would perform for the family. I enjoy his energy. I just saw him for Thanksgiving, he couldn't eat but he was very content . What a bright light he was. He will be missed. My Condolences to the family. Regina

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**Regina Rohan** - March 21, 2020 at 04:08 PM

AP

“ I’m Aunt Phyllis: Kisha is my sister Bernice’s daughter. Ang was my best dance partner ever! We danced at Alex and Kisha’s wedding for hours. Whenever we talked, it was always about House Music. We wanted to go to a House Music event, but couldn’t coordinate it. We did meet at the Jazz/Blues Festival and fireworks in Long Branch, NJ in August 2019. Afterwards, while driving back to my house, instead of our usual music conversation, he talked about his friend Vanessa and The Lighthouse Home. He wanted me to meet her and I was honored to meet her on Thanksgiving. Please support her!!! Although Ang wasn’t feeling that great on Thanksgiving, I asked him to get up from the kitchen table and to come outside onto the deck to dance with me before I left. I gently held his hand and happily escorted him outside. Although he complained about the song playing, he still danced with me. I am grateful for our last dance. Ang, I know you’re smiling, spreading joy and dancing now. I dedicate all of the classic House Music to you and each time I dance I will always think of you. Thank you and rest in peace my fellow House Head. Please see the attached video of DJ Ameer Brooks. May God bless all of his family members with peace and tranquility knowing that he touched so many lives in a positive way Ameen



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**Aunt Phyllis** - March 21, 2020 at 03:45 PM



Love this!! Ange dancing his a\$\$ off

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**A Anita Adkins** - April 03, 2020 at 01:20 PM

SJ

“ *Ang was a nice person he always made everyone laugh and had funny jokes and stories to tell. Always lit up the room or was the life of the party.*

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**Shamiah Johnson** - March 21, 2020 at 12:54 PM

DJ

“ *Ang, I will forever remember your jokes and the corny but cool dances you tried to teach me. You will be missed may you rest easy with the lord. Love David*

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**David johnson** - March 21, 2020 at 12:41 PM



“ *My condolences to the Akins family May God continue to bless you and give you peace that surpasses all understanding.love you .Hope Rohan*



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**Hope Rohan** - March 21, 2020 at 12:26 PM

PS

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Adkins family. Praying God will comfort you in your time of sorrow and may you find peace in God's Word and comfort in your loving memories of Angelo.*

*Blessings from New Life Ministries and the Sawyer Family.*

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**Pastor S. Sawyer** - March 21, 2020 at 11:54 AM



“ *From Tyrell & Bodie family.  
Ang, you will truly be missed by me and my family. You and I not only had performing arts in common with the love of acting and dancing, also our birthday's were a day apart is why we got along so well. May You Rest In Peace.  
Tyrell and Bodie Family.*

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**Tyrell Bodie** - March 21, 2020 at 10:21 AM

DJ

“ *Ang, I will forever cherish all the memories..for they will never fade. Thanks for all the great times and always making me feel like part of the family. I could always count on you to make me laugh, smile and to enjoy a greater love of music...such great times.  
A beautiful soul is never forgotten, may you rest in peace.*

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**Debra Johnson** - March 21, 2020 at 07:34 AM

CG

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the family...I remember his great sense of humor ...May he rest in heavenly peace.....*

*Cheryl Gillison and daughters*

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**Cheryl Gillison** - March 21, 2020 at 01:54 AM

MB

“ *Great dancer/performer! Another angel Gone to soon. Rest In Peace. May GOD continue to strengthen the family.  
The Bean Family*

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**Monique Bean** - March 20, 2020 at 11:49 PM

AA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall

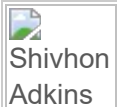


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**AJ Adkins** - March 20, 2020 at 09:52 PM

JH

*Thank You for sharing*

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**Jim Hyland** - March 20, 2020 at 10:39 PM



Shivhon Adkins



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**Shivhon Adkins** - March 20, 2020 at 11:59 PM



*Angelo really knew his music. I will never forget his knowledge of Sam Cook, Jackie Wilson, and others. Look at Angelo!!!! Love you ANG*

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**Paula Seniors** - March 22, 2020 at 07:15 PM

KA

“ *Rest easy Ang! Thanks for being a great brother in law. Thanks for cheering me on when I tried out for Pippin in high school when I was way out of my element. I'm happy you got to fly your kite! Dance and sing with the angels. You will be missed.*

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**Karen Adkins** - March 20, 2020 at 08:43 PM

LM

*So sorry for your loss. Please accept my deep sympathy. My thoughts, prayers and love are with the Adkins family at this time. Lillian Mattes*

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**Lillian Mattes** - March 21, 2020 at 10:37 AM

  
Shivhon  
Adkins

“ *Uncle Ang we will miss you dearly!! Thank you for being you and always being strong and supportive. I will never forget our time at the Newark House music festival. I remember seeing you perform out of state for the first time in Chicago with grandma so many years ago. Last year I found your picture on the wall of the Walnut Street Theatre and was so excited. Thanks for EVERYTHING. May you rest in peace.*



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**Shivhon Adkins** - March 20, 2020 at 08:23 PM



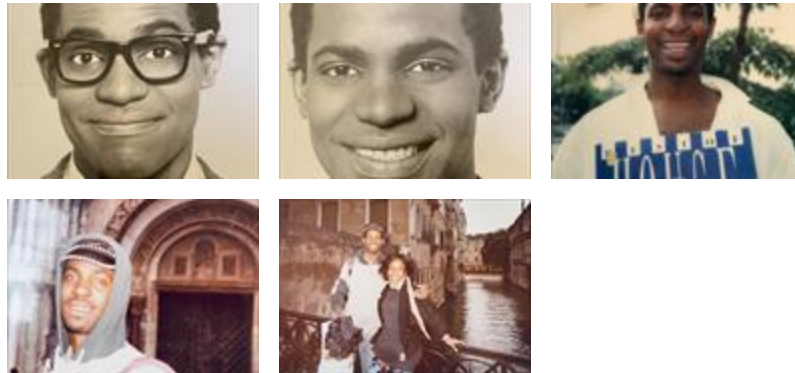
“ *Thanks for always being the life of the party on planet Earth. Now you get to be the life of the party up there in Heaven. I'll miss you and I love you a whole a lot Music Man.*

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**Joshua Adkins** - March 20, 2020 at 07:44 PM



“ *7 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Paula Seniors** - March 20, 2020 at 07:41 PM



*Angelo was my friend for over 35 years and I was his friend. We met while he was the lead actor, singer and extraordinary tap dancer in "Singing in the Rain." We became fast friends. He took me into his family, inviting me to his house for cookouts, the NAACP, and other things in Perth Amboy. He was a most generous friend. He had the most infectious laugh, most wonderful upbeat personality, he loved having fun. We also did the European tour of "Hair" together. We tromped around NYC and while doing "Hair" we went to Venice on a train from Zurich. Angelo was sophisticated, so he knew how to do Venice. We toured the city, ate at nice restaurants, talked and laughed as young people do. He was a constant positive friend. Always happy, always smiling, the consummate performer, always singing and dancing. He offered comfort to me always and was always a supportive and loving friend. I hope I was the same. He choreographed a dance for my students at the College of New Jersey, a video of which I still use in my teaching. I am glad that we got to go to three shows last year on Broadway. I think he enjoyed them. I love you Angelo, Paula*

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**Paula Seniors** - March 20, 2020 at 07:45 PM

MP

“ *In memory of Angelo Adkins : Thanking him for all of the fun times when we would visit. The Payne family sends their deepest and heartfelt sympathy to Mrs Inez Adkins and family. We love you all deeply. God bless and keep you during this time. Willie /Mary Payne*

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**Mary Payne** - March 20, 2020 at 07:34 PM



“ *Thank you Uncle Ang for always being there when the family needed someone to lean on. We're gonna miss you.*

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**Alex Maurice** - March 20, 2020 at 07:22 PM

KA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



kisha marrow adkins - March 20, 2020 at 06:42 PM



Shivhon Adkins

❤❤❤ That's Ang!!

Shivhon Adkins - March 20, 2020 at 08:51 PM

AJ

*I'm gonna miss your warmth, easy smile, laughter, full of life, and smooth dance moves! Thank you Brother Ang for welcoming my neice Kisha and her extended family into your family. Thank you for our last dance under the moonlight at the Adkins end of summer party jam. You told me that you was tired and weary from battling cancer but I said "come on Ang show me your dance moves" you stood up erect and joyfully dipped, Slide and turned across the dance floor all night long. For that moment forgetting about cancer. Rest In Heavenly Peace Ang.*



Andrea Jones - March 21, 2020 at 02:54 PM

KA

“ *My beloved brother in-law Ang. Your laughter, smiles and jokes will surely be missed. I thank God for having the time we spent together. Thank you for performing at Conackamack Middle School's Talent show teaching my student how to do the hand jive. What a great time we had! Continue to dance in heaven. Please tell my parents Rudy and Bernice Marrow I said hello. Much love, Kisha.*

kisha marrow adkins - March 20, 2020 at 06:14 PM